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Examiner: Ajay Vasudeva

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For: MECHANICALLY WELDED STRUCTURE WITH STRESS-RELIEVING SLIT AND LIQUIFIED GAS TRANSPORT SHIP EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A STRUCTURE

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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